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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Rambabu Bavirisetty

Dear Mr. Morales:

**SUBJECT: StanCOG 2000/01 FTIP Amendment Nos. 23 & 24**

We have completed our review of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Amendment Nos. 23 and 24 to its 2000/01 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated April 22, 2002.

We accept these StanCOG amendments in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by these amendments are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 8, 1996, on single mode FTIP amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of StanCOG's FTIP Amendment Nos. 23 and 24 into California's 2000/01 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dennis A. Scovill*

For

Michael G. Ritchie

Division Administrator